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* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

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**Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 27th day**

Messages put on record, reports discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April— The third regular sessions of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for the 27th day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building at 10.15 am today.

The session was attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 597 representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

During the session, messages were put on record and reports were read out and clarified.

At the session of putting messages on record, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw read out the messages sent by the President to the Hluttaw during the period when Pyidaungsu Hluttaw adjourned and the messages were put on record.

The issues included in the messages which were put on record today are:

- Sending an annual and quarterly reports of the Union Government, practicing new foreign exchange system, reducing salaries of union-level personnel, increasing pensions of retired service personnel and establishing Myanmar Human Rights Commission.
- During the session of clarifying reports, Chairman of Joint Bill Committee U Mya Nyen read out the committee’s findings related to the decision of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union which said that it was not agreeable to the provisions of the State constitution to include and define the committees and commissions set up by Hluttaws as union level ones.

The Constitutional Tribunal of the Union made the final decision on 28 March about the application No 1/2012 submitted by the Union Attorney-General, on behalf of the President, to the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to define whether including and defining the committees and commissions set up Hluttaws as the union level ones.

Those representatives who want to discuss the findings of the Joint Bill Committee were invited to enlist for discussion after today’s session.

The meeting ended at 10.55 am and the 28th day session will be held on 26 April.—MNA

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**Senegal players celebrate their 2-0 win. Senegal booked the final spot in the men’s football tournament at the 2012 London Olympic Games with a 2-0 playoff win over Oman in Coventry, central England, on Monday.**
Union Minister receives Swiss Assistant State Secretary for Asia and Pacific

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Li-Gen Thein Huy receives a delegation led by Swiss Assistant State Secretary for Asia and Pacific in the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Dr. Beat Nobs at the ministry here at 1:00 pm today.

Both sides discussed matters relating to promotion of relationships between Myanmar and Switzerland, as well as bilateral cooperation tasks for regional development.

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Union A&I Minister inspects Palethwe hybrid paddy plantations

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing this morning inspected that the Palethwe hybrid seeds research farm on 100-acre of advanced farmland being jointly undertaken by the ministry and CETC Co of China in Kyaruk Village of Dekkhinathiri Township.

The union minister looked into Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation on 100 acres of land near Chaya Village of Dekkhinathiri Township and gave instructions on supply of sufficient water to the paddy fields.

In Pyinmana Township, the union minister viewed Palethwe hybrid paddy plantations on 369 acres of land. He also looked into 90-day Palethwe paddy plantation on 288 acres of land in Zabuthiri Township. During his inspection tour, the Union Minister left necessary instructions.

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Tasks of Bhamo, Myitkyina, Putao Airports inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung inspected extension of runway at Myitkyina Airport.

On 20 April, Director-General U Tin Naing Tun of Department of Civil Aviation and officials reported on landing of aircrafts from three domestic airlines, arrival and departure of passengers and matters related to Bhamo Airport.

At Myitkyina Airport, the union minister heard reports on matters related to Myitkyina Airport by the officials. He gave instructions on extension of runway and airport building.

Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsaing gave instructions on upgrading of aviation for development of the state. They inspected extension of 1000 feet long extension of the runway, construction of DVOR building, entrance road to the airport and car parking.

In the afternoon, the Union minister arrived at Putao Airport and gave instructions on submission of plan to extend runway and costs.

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Progress of roads, bridges in Ayeyawady Region inspected

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 April—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin on 20 April met officials of Road, Bridge, Building and Airport Special Groups in Pathesin of Ayeyawady Region.

After that, the deputy minister inspected progress of roads works along Pathesin-Ngaputaw Road, construction of Padekwe Creek Bridge between mile post 117 and 120 and approach road to Theilwe Creek Bridge near mile post 120, progress of foundation of approach bridge and completion of the main structure and piers.

Next, the deputy minister looked into conditions of Pathin-Ngaputaw road.

While in Ngaputaw Township, the deputy minister viewed renovation of the engineer’s office and maintenance of Pathin suspension bridge on Pathin-Chaungtha Road.

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ADB to provide aids in Myanmar environmental conservation

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—Director Mr Jawed H. Mir of Economy, Natural Resources and Agriculture Southeast Asia Department of Asian Development Bank and Party paid a call on Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, at his office this morning. At the meeting, they discussed assistances to be provided by ADB in environmental conservation.

Also present at the call were Director-General U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department, Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department, Managing Director U Khin Maung Yi of Myanma Timber Enterprise and Deputy Director-General Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw of Forest Department under the ministry.

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Ywadaw Village gets school building

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—A building for Basic Education Post-primary and Primary School in the village of Ywadaw in Pobbathiri Township handed over to the Ministry of Education today.

The building was formally opened by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aung Hsan, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Councillor U Than Htay and Chairman of Aung Thiri Foundation Wunna Kyaw Maung Thiri (Than Htay). The bronze plaque of the school was unveiled by Union Minister for Education Dr. Aye Mya.

The documents related to the school building were handed over to Pobbathiri Township Education Officer U Zaw Lin by member of the Foundation U Ohn Kyaw. The 150 feet x 210 feet building is built on 2.8 acre land and it has a seating capacity of over 600.

It was also attended by Deputy Ministers for Education U Aye Kyaw and U Ba Shwe, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Councillor U Than Aung, departmental officials and local people.

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Perspectives

Work hard, work smart

From Stone Age to this age of IT, human evolution has never parted from invention and innovation. Inventors and innovators have been the pioneers along the course of evolutionary path. Societies with many inventors tend to develop faster perhaps much faster.

Lack of innovation has ever been major hindrance to progress of Myanmar. We need to work hard but we need more to work smart. We are too unwilling to explore the new paths but like to walk on the old one. Once a business begins to thrive, many others enter the market. But most of the time, the newcomers fail to embark on innovation, making the market less competitive.

We need to foresee the competition after inflows of foreign investments into the country. How to enhance the competitiveness of national entrepreneurs is still a problem, especially after the AFTA has come into effect. This is a worrying trend for small and medium enterprises. What is worse is businesses here still belong to primary industry.

Import substitution policy practiced by developing countries has proved to be wrong and export promotion must be employed to improve the economy. Import substitution industries manufacturing less-competitive products in the market should be closed or reformed. Heavy industries with a lack of market and technology should be suspended for a certain period.

Developing economies which have abundant and cheap workforce, in exercising export promotion policy, tend to start with exporting labour intensive goods for example, textile industry. However, the CMP industry here has not come a long way as expected. There have been wage problem and power shortage while the price of real estate in industrial zones has gone rocket high.

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**UN chief announces upcoming visit to Myanmar**

**UNITED NATIONS, 24 April**—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced here Monday that he would go on an official trip to Myanmar at the end of the week in order to discuss with the country’s leadership ways in which the UN can assist with ongoing reform and transition. Myanmar is only at the beginning of its transition and many challenges lie ahead, many concerns have yet to be addressed yet I am convinced that we have an unprecedented opportunity to help the country advance towards a better future,” said Ban. “That is why today I am announcing that I have accepted an invitation from President U Thein Sein to visit Myanmar.” Ban’s statements came as he addressed the press following a meeting of the Group of Friends on Myanmar, which he deemed “very productive”.

The UN secretary-general praised the progress made in Myanmar thus far: “We have seen encouraging political and economic reforms over the past year and a half — the recent elections were a landmark,” he said. “We have seen important steps toward reform and reconciliation. We see Myanmar reopening to the world.” Ban said that on his trip he looks forward to personally congratulating U Thein Sein and opposition leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on their work to help the country with reconciliation, reform, and development.

“Working together they have come far, working together I am confident they will go further still and together we will explore many tangible and practical ways in which the UN can help,” he said.

According to Ban, helping countries in transition is an important part of his second term as the chief of the UN. “In Myanmar we have an opportunity and a responsibility to do that,” he said. “We must make the most of this moment.”

Ban welcomed suspension of sanctions leveled against Myanmar by the European Union and similar actions taken by other countries including the US. He called for more such progress and international support for Myanmar.

“The government of Myanmar and its people have embarked on a path of reconciliation, democratization and development to build a better future for all,” he said. “They deserve our full support.”

The trip to Myanmar will take place after Ban concludes visits to Delhi and Mumbai, both in India. It will be Ban’s first time in Myanmar since 2009 and his third trip to the country in total since he began his tenure as UN secretary-general.

**EU decides to lift most sanctions against Myanmar**

**BRUSSELS, 24 April**—The European Union (EU) on Monday decided to suspend restrictive measures against Myanmar and open an office in Yangon.

According to conclusions drawn by the EU Foreign Affairs Council in Luxembourg, the EU will suspend restrictive measures imposed on the Myanmar government, except an arms embargo.

The 27-member bloc will also open an office in Yangon when EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton visits the country from 28 to 30 April. The EU hailed the historic changes in Myanmar which it said was opening “a new chapter” in bilateral relations.

“The Council supports reinstating the generalized system of preferences for Myanmar as soon as possible once the required conditions are fulfilled, following the assessment of the International Labour Organisation,” the conclusions said.

According to the conclusions, the EU is eager to engage in the timber resources development. It encourages Myanmar to begin a dialogue with the EU on ways to ensure the sustainable management of Myanmar’s forests and harvesting of timber in compliance with national legislation, commitment with fighting poverty and securing livelihoods, as the country has expressed its concern on environmental risks, in particular those related to deforestation and the loss of biodiversity.

**Japan writes off over $3.6 b debt of Myanmar**

**TOKYO, 24 April**—Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda announced to write off 100 billion yen (about $3.68 billion) debt of Myanmar to help the country’s democratization and reform process during his talk with Myanmar President U Thein Sein.

Noda and U Thein Sein held bilateral talks after attending the 4th Mekong-Japan summit with other four top leaders from Great Mekong Subregion countries.

Noda said that Japan will support Myanmar’s economic development with some financial aids in the near future, such as low-interest yen loans. He said the meeting with U Thein Sein is very historic.

U Thein Sein is the first top leader of Myanmar to pay official visit to Japan in 28 years.

He is also arranged to meet some Japanese business people accompanied by foreign and economic ministers during his 5-day stay.

Japan also pledged to provide about 600 billion yen (about $17.37 billion) in official assistance to five Great Mekong Subregion nations in the next three years to boost the region’s development during the summit held Saturday morning.

**Syrian group says three intelligence officers killed**

**BEIRUT, 24 April** — A Syrian activist group says three intelligence officers have been killed in the Capital Damascus.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says the three were killed early Tuesday in the Barzez neighborhood of the Syrian Capital.

It gave no further information. The Syrian government has not commented.

The 13-month-old Syria conflict has grown more militarized.

Rebels seeking to topple President Bashar Assad have ramped up attacks on military targets and security officers.

The UN says more than 9,000 people have been killed since the conflict began, most of them civilians.

The Observatory said 55 people were killed on Monday alone, most of them in a Hama neighborhood following a visit by a UN monitoring team.

**US-Afghan security pact ends warning to al-Qaeda**

**KABUL, 24 April**—A new strategic partnership that commits the US to defend Afghanistan militarily for 10 years after most foreign forces leave in 2014 is intended to signal that the US will not tolerate a resurgent al-Qaeda or attacks launched by militants from neighboring Pakistan.

The agreement, part of which were read out Monday in the Afghan parliament, is big on symbolism but light on substance. It leaves out specifics, including how much funding the US will provide to support Afghan security forces or how many US troops will stay on after the withdrawal deadline.

Afghanistan, for its part, insisted on approving any American military operations after 2014 and barred the US from using its soil to attack other countries, such as neighboring Pakistan, where the Taliban, al-Qaeda and al-Qaeda-linked militants all have staging bases.

In the end, of course, the US and allied interests differ from those of most Afghans,” said Andrew Exum, a senior fellow at the Centre for a New American Security, a think tank in Washington.

The United States is most concerned with dismantling al-Qaeda, while Afghans are most concerned with what infrastructure and financing the United States and its allies will provide beyond 2014.”

After 10 years of US-led war, insurgents linked to the Taliban and al-Qaeda remain a threat and as recently as a week ago launched a large-scale attack on the capital, Kabul, and three other cities.

Both groups operate from within Afghanistan, as well as from across the border in Pakistan.
The vehicle demonstrated stable aerodynamically controlled flight at speeds up to 20 times the speed of sound, or 20 Mach, for three minutes before a series of upssets caused its autonomous flight system to bring it down in the ocean. DARPA said in a statement. A gradual wearing away of the vehicle’s skin was expected because of the extremely high temperatures, but an independent engineering review board concluded that the most probable cause was “unexpected aeroshell degradation, creating multiple upssets of increasing severity that ultimately activated the Flight Safety System,” the statement said.

Initial shockwaves created by the gaps in the skin were more than 100 times what the vehicle was designed to withstand, but it was still able to recover and return to controlled flight, said Kaigham J. Gabriel, DARPA’s acting director. Eventually the upssets grew beyond its ability to recover.

The 2011 flight was the second time an HTV-2 was launched. The first flight, in April 2010, also ended prematurely. Data from that flight was used to correct aerodynamic design models for the second test, resulting in controlled flight, and now data from the latest flight will be used to adjust assumptions about thermal modeling. Air Force Maj Chris Schulz, the DARPA programme manager, said in the statement.

Ancient horse bones tell story of Tibetan Plateau

Los Angeles, 24 April — A newly discovered skeleton from an ancient three-toed horse not only provides information about ancient Tibetan wildlife, but it also sheds light on the elevation of that region of the world at least 5 million years ago. This area of the world, called the Tibetan plateau, is the youngest and highest plateau on Earth, its current elevation exceeding 14,800 feet (4,500 metres), but researchers don’t know exactly how high it was when this horse roamed.

Some researchers think that 5 million years ago, the plateau was once much higher than it is today, but others think it was much lower.

More data is needed to get a good grip on when the plateau rose up, and when researchers used the fossilized horse to shed some light on the debate. “We have an extinct horse that apparently is adapted to life at very high elevations, which are now nonwooded areas,” study researcher Xiaoming Wang, of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, told LiveScience.

“Therefore, in turn, it might have some implications about the environment that it came from,” Wang said. About the bone, suggested that at the time it died, the Zanda Basin would have been about 13,000 feet (4,000 metres) above sea level, on par with the current elevation of that region of Tibet.

China to continue transgenic research

Beijing, 24 April — China’s scientists will continue to make breakthroughs in the area of transgenic research, according to Vice Minister of Science and Technology Zhang Laiwu. The Ministry of Science and Technology will speed up the construction of seed breeding centres in accordance with this endeavour, Zhang said at a Monday Press conference.

Zhang called for efforts to help the seed industry break new ground and the construction of commercial system for the industry, with enterprises as its mainstay.

“China has thousands of small seed companies, but none of them can provide high-quality seeds,” said Liu Guangming, head of the National Supercomputer Centre in Tianjin, at a Monday Press conference.

Liu said a cloud computing-based service has been developed for agricultural centres in Tianjin and other regions. The service, to be called Google Drive, could be announced as soon as Tuesday and dominated by the likes of Dropbox and Box.

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Tianhe-1A in wide use: supercomputer centre

In the past year, the Tianhe-1A has been used for a variety of tasks related to oil exploration, bioengineering and medicine, animation and movie rendering, high-end equipment production design and geographic information systems as a result of NSCC-TJ shifting its focus toward the Tianhe-1A in November 2010. To facilitate access to the Tianhe-1A, Meng Xiangfei, head of the applications department of the NSCC-TJ, said on Tuesday that the service of the Tianhe-1A has been made available for an increasing number of business-oriented companies.

“Tianhe-1A is an open platform and a result of China’s and Tibet’s efforts. We would like to share it with the world,” Meng said — Xinhua
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Nestle may sell part of Pfizer assets

New York, 24 April — Swiss food group Nestle SA may sell about 10 to 15 percent of the $11.9 billion baby food business it is buying from Pfizer Inc to address antitrust concerns, Bloomberg News reported on Monday. Nestle may have to offload divisions in countries including Australia, Thailand and Venezuela, Bloomberg said, citing people with knowledge of the matter. Bloomberg reported that Nestle spokesman Robin Tickle said it was “premature to comment on and prejudge the decisions of the regulatory authorities”. A spokesman for Nestle could not immediately be reached for comment by Reuters. Nestle, the world’s biggest food company, won a high-stakes fight for Pfizer Nutrition, which makes 85 percent of its sales in emerging markets.

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**Energy guzzler Singapore boosts ‘green’ buildings**

**SINGAPORE, 24 April —** From the bone-chilling air conditioning that pumps through Singapore’s small and offices to the lights that burn all night, the city state is one of Asia’s most intensive energy users. Nearly all electricity used by the industrialised island is produced by burning fossil fuels, which in 2010 used by the industrialised users. Nearly all electricity, Asia’s most intensive energy users, have been recognized as one of the worst offenders. The WWF added that buildings contribute some 16 percent of Singapore’s carbon emissions.

While the city-state contends that the WWF’s per capita measurement of carbon emissions “disadvantages countries with small populations” — it has nevertheless been spurred into action. In 2005, the government embarked on a project to promote the development of high-tech, low-energy buildings and the retrofitting of older ones in a push to “green” at least 80 percent of all buildings by 2030.

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**Pakistan begins inspection of private airline planes after crash**

**ISLAMABAD, 24 April —** Pakistan’s aviation authorities Monday launched inspection of all planes of private airlines after a passenger plane crashed near Islamabad on Friday, killing 127 people on board. The Defence Ministry's spokesman, Chaudhry Ahmad Mukhtar, said that the flight of the private companies would be allowed to fly unless the inspection process is completed. Also on Sunday, a passenger plane of a private company averred a major disaster after its two engines burst before landing. The pilot managed to land. There was also reports of a leak in another plane in Lahore.

The crash and technical problems in two planes of private airlines prompted inspection of all aircraft in the fleet of three airlines. A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) said the inspection was started on Monday in stages and that planes of both airlines would be inspected first, which lost its Boeing-737 on Friday. Preliminary investigation suggests that engine of the aircraft had burned before it crashed on residential area 10 kilometres from Islamabad airport. It was earlier stated that the crash was caused by the possible cause of the crash. The plane was 27 years old.

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**US shooter in black teenager killing case released on bail**

**WASHINGTON, 24 April —** George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch vol- unteer in the US State of Florida who killed black teenager Trayvon Martin in a high-profile shooting case, was released from jail early Monday on bail of 150,000 US dollars. TV footage showed that the 28-year-old man, wearing a brown jacket and blue jeans and carrying a brown paper bag, walked out of a Florida jail just after midnight and followed another man to a white vehicle, which drove off quickly.

At a bond hearing on Friday, a judge with the court of Sanford, Florida set bail at 150,000 dollars for Zimmerman, who was charged with second-degree murder earlier this month. Zimmerman also surrendered his passport in the courtroom.

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**Israel to start work on Lebanon border wall**

**TEL AVIV, 24 April —** Israel is to start building a wall along part of its border with Lebanon next week to shield the northern town of Menulla, Channel 10 television reported Monday. It said the wall, more than two kilometres (over a mile) long and 10 metres (33 feet) high, was also aimed at preventing clashes between Israeli and Lebanese border forces whose posts are fewer just metres (yards) apart.

The private broadcaster said Israel had informed Lebanon of the wall project and would coordinate it through the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). Military sources said in January that Israel was considering building a wall along a section of the 79-kilometre (49-mile) border, fearing cross-border sniper fire at newly built apartment blocks in Menulla. Although the two countries are technically in a state of war, Israeli and Lebanese military officials regularly meet in the presence of UNIFIL peacekeepers to liaise on border issues.

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**BAA sells Edinburgh Airport to US fund for £807 million**

**LONDON, 24 April —** Spanish-owned airports operator BAA agreed Monday to sell Edinburgh Airport to US investment fund Global Infrastructure Partners, which already runs Gatwick and London City hubs. “BAA today announces that it has agreed to sell its 100-percent interest in Edinburgh Airport Limited to Global Infrastructure Partners for £807.2 million ($1.3 billion, 990 million euros),” the group announced in a statement. The sale is expected to close by the end of May. The competition Commission (CCJ) had ordered BAA to sell London Gatwick and Stansted airports, plus either Edinburgh or Glasgow.

It subsequently sold Gatwick to GIP for £1.5 billion. However, BAA, which is controlled by Spanish transport infrastructure giant Ferrovial, managed to keep hold of London Heathrow airport — which is Europe’s biggest in terms of passengers handled.

BAA also owns Glasgow, Aberdeen and Southampton airports, as well as Stansted. “Edinburgh Airport and its team have been part of BAA for a long time and we are proud of its achievements,” said BAA chief executive Colin Matthews in Monday’s statement. — Internet
Muscular exoskeleton turns you into a walking piece of construction equipment

New York, 24 April
Have you ever dreamed of being a superhero? No? Well then stop reading. For the rest of us, the fantasy of having superhuman abilities is now one step closer to reality thanks to scientists at Japan’s Tokyo University of Science. A team of engineers there has created a cybernetic suit (April 23). The commercial spacecraft company SpaceX was set to launch its Falcon 9 rocket on 30 April from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. The unmanned spacecraft will fly a demonstration mission for future cargo deliveries to the space station under an agreement with NASA. Now, that’s what I call a lucky dip.

Wild bison with TB may have to be killed in Poland

Warsaw, 24 April — A herd of 25 wild European bison infected with tuberculosis should be killed to prevent the disease from spreading to other herds in southeastern Poland, officials said on Monday. A panel of 18 veterinary and breeding experts in Kronovo have decided to ask national authorities for permission to kill the rare wild animals living near the village of Stuposiany in the Bieszczady mountains. The panel also suggested that research should start on anti-TB vaccination for bison.

Norway killer says hoped to have massacred more

Oslo, 24 April — The Norwegian who massacred 77 people to protest against Muslim immigration to Europe said on Monday he had hoped to kill as many as 150 and kept on killing because police failed to respond urgently to his phone call. Breivik has given a detailed account of his car bomb attack on government headquarters in Oslo on July 22, which killed eight people, followed hours later by his shooting of 69 people, mostly teenagers, at a Labour Party island camp. He said on Monday his "gruesome" actions were to prevent a civil war caused, he said, by Muslim takeover of Europe.

Police officers surround Andreas Behring Breivik in the courtroom prior to the opening of the sixth day of his trial in Oslo on 23 April, 2012. — Internet

New delay for 1st private spacecraft launch to space station

Washington, 24 April — The first private spacecraft launch to the International Space Station has been delayed, possibly by at least a week, the vehicle’s makers announced Monday (April 23). The commercial spacecraft company SpaceX was set to launch its Falcon 9 rocket on 30 April from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. The unmanned spacecraft will fly a demonstration mission for future cargo deliveries to the space station under an agreement with NASA.

Boy, 12, dies months after surviving heart attack

Portland, 24 April — A 12-year-old Oregon boy who survived a heart attack during basketball practice three months ago has died after collapsing while playing baseball. Fire officials say some of the same paramedics who helped revive Isaac Arzate in January rushed back to the school where he collapsed Friday night and tried again to save him. Marion County Deputy Medical Examiner Rodge Womack confirmed Monday that the Salem boy died later at a hospital. Arzate was a sixth-grader at Stephens Middle School.

Microsoft Windows 8 release preview to be out in early June

Brum, 24 April — Windows 8 release preview will be out in the first week of June, Microsoft announced on Monday evening. Microsoft President Steven Sinofsky made the announcement during an on-stage appearance at Japan’s Windows 8 Dev Days and more broadly on the Build Windows 8 Twitter feed.

The release preview is generally the last stage before a product’s final version, which is expected in the fall. Release preview will be the next major pre-launch version of Windows 8 from the company after it released Consumer Preview on 29 February. Windows 8 will be a big test for Microsoft. Windows 8, which aims to unify Microsoft’s flagship OS on the desktop and tablet, is “the most integrated and most capable operating system Microsoft has ever put out,” according to CNET Reviews Editor Seth Rosenblatt.

Windows 8 is toolked to run on ARM chips as well as so-called x86 chips that power traditional PCs. Microsoft officials announced the Windows 8 SKU lineup last week and shared details about some of the features in the coming version.

This 26 Jan, 2012, photo shows Isaac Arzate, 12, in Salem, Ore. Arzate, who survived a heart attack during basketball practice three months ago, has died after collapsing at baseball practice. Marion County Deputy Medical Examiner Rodge Womack confirmed on 23 April, 2012, that Arzate died later at a hospital. — Internet

In this Feb. 2005 file photo, bison, Europe’s largest land mammal, forage in the recently fallen snow in the Bialowieza Forest in Poland. Killing a herd of 25 wild European bison infected with tuberculosis may be the only way of preventing the spread of the disease to other herds of the rare species in southeastern Poland, officials said on 23 April, 2012. — Internet

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Low-cost mobile SIM cards in service across the country on 3 May

Letter No. LaNgSa-72.8/Mobile/12-13/459
Dated, 25 April 2012

1. Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communication, Posts and Telegraphs has completed first step of first year mobile telephone extension project. Sales of GSM/WCDMA mobile Sim cards in States and Regions started on 14 March, 2012 as part of its programme.

2. MPT has announced that at present, Sim cards sold on above mentioned date can be used at any places across the country where GSM/UMTS stations are, except Yangon Region and Mandalay municipal regions. They can be used at any places only after installation of GSM/UMTS network in Yangon and Mandalay and extension of transmission lines and gateways, which will be completed on first week of May, 2012, have been carried out.

3. Now, as of 3 May, aforesaid Sim cards can be carried and taken to any places including Yangon and Mandalay Regions across the country where GSM/UMTS stations are as necessary installation have been completed.

Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications

Seminar on National Education Promotion continues for second day

NAI PYIT TAW, 24 April—A seminar on National Education Promotion of the basic education sector 2012 of the Ministry of Education continued for second day at Yezin University of Agriculture this morning.

Director-General U Kyaw Thu of Department of Basic Education No.1 chaired Group-1, Director-General U BoWin of Education Planning and Training Department, Group-2, Director-General U Ohn Myint of Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau, Group-3 and Director-General in-charge U Myo Nyunt, of Department of Basic Education No.2, Group-4 and they made discussion on four papers related to education matters on the guiding of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar so as to meet the requirements of the education sector.

President of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Sciences U ThanOo attended the group discussions and made suggestion on them.

In the afternoon, the four groups discussed a supplementary suggestion on long-term plan report and on-going process related to four papers at Auditorium of Yezin University of Agriculture.

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Sports official leaves for Oman

YANGON, 24 April—Assistant Director Daw Ohnma Aung of Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports left Yangon International Airport this afternoon to attend the Media in Women in Sports Workshop to be held in Muscat of Oman on 25 and 26 April.

MNA

Siam Commercial Bank to cooperate Myanmar banks

NAI PYIT TAW, 24 April—Governor U Than Nyin of the Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue received Chairman of Siam Commercial Bank PCL Mns Kamkar Chalt Tapon and party at his office yesterday evening. Both sides had a discussion on opening of branch offices of Siam Commercial Bank in Myanmar and cooperation.

Also present at the call were the deputy governor and heads of departments.

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**Union CPT Minister visits newly-opened GSM mobile phone stations**

NAVPYITAW, 24 April—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun attended a work-coordinating meeting on extension of GSM/UMTS mobile phones, held at the meeting hall of the International Express Mail Service in Yangon yesterday.

The Union Minister made a speech citing that communication sector is needed to be promoted with the use of modernized techniques for enabling the users to get super-duper mobile services and that Yangon Region is increasingly getting the numbers of mobile phone lines.

He heard reports presented by the project manager on conditions of selling mobile phones region-wide and programmes to be implemented and by chief engineers on tasks being carried out sector-wise respectively.

Yatanarpon Teleport Co and other companies, which are joint-ones with Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications reported to the Union Minister about progress of extension of mobile phone lines in Yangon. Then, he urged them to have a high-quality mobile networking system emerged.

Afterwards, the Union Minister looked around GSM/UMTS mobile phone extended-station planted at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Ahlon Township and GSM mobile tower and BTS station in Yangon University Campus in Kamayut Township.

The Union Minister then inspected GSM mobile phone station built in the Road Transport compound in Insein Township, GSM/UMTS mobile phone station nearby Yadanaheinji market in North-Okkalapa Township, giving instructions on putting BTS stations and towers more and more into service for enabling the users to get quick access. —MNA

**Union I&P Minister receives UNFPA resident representative**

NAVPYITAW, 24 April—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Tha Aye looked into construction of Sasana Beikman in Sagaing and detour of Sagaing, Tachilek Road in Shan State and detour of Sagaing, Sasana Beikman in Sagaing Region U Tha Aye 21 April morning inspected construction U Soe Tint on Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population in 2014, cooperation tasks between the UN and Ministry on collection of census, signing of Letter of Exchange and detour of Sagaing, Sasana Beikman in Sagaing Region U Tha Aye 21 April morning inspected construction U Soe Tint on Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population in 2014, cooperation tasks between the UN and Ministry on collection of census, signing of Letter of Exchange

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And then commission members continued to discuss legal affairs. Officials replied to questions on legal affairs raised by the local and foreign media. —MNA

**Regional development tasks inspected in Sagaing Region**

NAVPYITAW, 24 April—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye inspected progress. —MNA

He also inspected construction of two-storey Shwepyitha building at Basic Education High School Branch in Tawkyaunggyi Village and the chosen site for a station hospital in Thonpanhla Village. —MNA

**Road sections in Shan State inspected**

NAVPYITAW, 24 April—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint on 21 April morning inspected Taunggyi-Loihein section and Mongpun-Loihein section on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachileik Road in Shan State (South).

In the afternoon, the deputy minister met staff at the office of the Shan State Superintending Engineer in Taunggyi and instructed them to spirit of localism and emphasize undertakings of regional development. —MNA

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**Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun inspects control room of GSM/UMTS mobile telephone station newly-extended in Yangon.** —MNA

Digging of Yemyetkyi Lake in Sagaing Township, cultivation of 1.58 acres of Palethwe summer paddy in Pyawt Village in Myinmu Township, placing of asphalt on Hsingaungtaung Pagoda Road in Myaw Township, construction of Pareinma-Myangyibok Road and dredging of Ayananda Lake on 22 April.

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Outstanding student honoured in Hsinbyukyun

Hsinbyukyun, 24 April—The prize presentation for outstanding students of Basic Education High School was held in conjunction with the annual general meeting of Parent-Teacher Association in Pyidawtha Ward in Hsinbyukyun of Magway Region on 18 February afternoon.

Chairman of the meeting, the Chairman of the School Board of Trustees U Maung Maung Aye made a speech. Headmistress Daw Aye Aye Thin and the Chairman of the SBT presented essay books in Myanmar and English and exercise books to Maung Aung Thura who passed the matriculation examination 2011 with flying colour.

PRIZE AWARDED: The Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee (Yangon Mayor) awarded basic education schools with hygienic canteens at City Hall on 28 March. The Mayor presents certificate of honour to teacher Daw Win Mar on behalf of the headmaster of Dagon Basic Education High School No 1.—KYE MON

Aunglan Township gets new rural library

Aunglan, 24 April—The opening ceremony of Pyae Phyo Aung Library was held in Ywamahton Village of Aunglan Township of Magway Region on 10 April. Col Nyo Minht of the local station, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Ko Ko Tun, Township Administrator U Kyaw Maung Win and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Aye Win formally opened the library.

At the ceremony, wellwishers donated 325,000 and books and publications worth K165,000, TV set, one set of Sky Net receiver, one cardboard, newspapers, journals and magazines. Officials accepted the donations.

RESPECTS PAID: Second ceremony of paying respects to older persons was held in Hsinthe Village of Kimmontan Village-tract in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 16 April morning. The people paying respects to 32 aged persons of above 75 years old.

Kyemon

Thongwa pays respects to older persons

Thongwa, 24 April—Organized by Thongwa Township General Administration Department of Yangon South District in Yangon Region, the ceremony to pay respects to older persons of above 85 years was held at the office of the Township Administrator on 17 April.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw Thaung, departmental officials and local authorities, Chairman of Township Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Ma Nyo and members, members of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and wellwishers donated offerings to 97 older persons.—Myanmar Alin

No. 2 Myitta Bridge commissioned in Shwepyitha Township

YANGON, 24 April—A ceremony to inaugurate No. 2 Myitta reinforced concrete bridge linking Ward 9 and Ward 8 of Shwepyitha Township in Yangon North District was held at the bridge on 18 April.

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MLF invites donations of cash, books

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broaden the horizons of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Road in Botataung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

Books Donated: A ceremony to donate books to Kyakto Township Information and Public Relations Department by Insein Township Writers and Journalists Association was held at Kinpun Camp Bhammanayin in Kyakto Township on 25 March. Excursion team leader U Bo Kyi (Dr Bo Thannmani-Taungbwngyi), Secretary U Soe Win Maung (Shwe Taik Soe) and Auditor U Win Myint (Maung Maung Win Myint-Hmukhin) handed over books to Staff Officer of the District IPRD Daw Khin Saw Lin and Head of Township IPRD Daw Aye Myo Myo San.—TOWNASS WJA

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**Xinhua, UN institutions launch global media campaign on environment protection**

**BEIJING, 24 April —** The campaign was jointly initiated by Xinhua News Agency, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the UN Convention on Combat Desertification (UNCCD), to coincide with the World Earth Day on Sunday. UNEP executive director Achim Steiner said he hoped the “Xinhua-spearheaded communications campaign will inspire the public to the rich array of possibilities and encourage those making decisions on all our behalf to show the leadership needed to break with the past in order to break into a sustainable future in 2012.”

He said the launch of the global media campaign on the Earth Day would “take us on a journey through UN World Environment Day under the theme A Green Economy: Does it include you?” Rio+20 and the UN General Assembly, where 40 years ago, UNEP was legally founded.” The campaign was first advocated by Xinhua President Li Congjun in November 2011 during a meeting with Steiner, who is also UN Under-Secretary General UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres told Xinhua in a recent interview all environment issues were “very complex... it’s something where you have to go through a concerted long-time campaign that actually brings down to the level of the public what the climate is about.”

The global campaign, which includes many events on a series of key dates such as the World Earth Day, the World Environment Day on 5 June and the Rio+20 summit on 20 to 22 June, will focus on environment protection efforts worldwide and the environmental problems facing humankind.—Xinhua

**Boy glad football lost in tsunami found in Alaska**

**TOKYO, 24 April —** A teenager who lost his home in Japan’s devastating tsunami now knows that one prized possession survived: a football that drifted all the way to Alaska. Officials from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration say the ball with the youngster’s name inscribed on it is one of the first pieces of debris from last year’s tsunami to wash up on the other side of the Pacific.

A man found the ball while beachcombing on an Alaskan island, and his wife, a public broadcaster NHK. “I’ve lost everything in the tsunami. So I’m delighted,” he said. “I really want to say thank you for finding the ball.”

He was particularly glad his football had reached America’s communications network. It was involved from the 19th century.—Xinhua

**Vodafone says agrees takeover of Cable & Wireless**

**LONDON, 24 April —** British mobile phone giant Vodafone on Monday said it had struck a deal to buy telecoms firm Cable & Wireless Worldwide for more than £0.6 billion. “Vodafone says Cable & Wireless Worldwide plc are pleased to announce that they have reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer pursuant to which Vodafone will acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of C&W,” Vodafone said a statement.

The offer values the entire issued ordinary share capital of C&W at around £1.044 billion, Vodafone added. Vodafone had first indicated in February that it was looking to bid for C&W, while India’s Tata Communications dropped out of the takeover race earlier this month.

Cable & Wireless Worldwide is a global telecommunications company that was set up in the 1860s to run the British empire’s communications network. It was involved from the start in the laying of submarine cables around the world which linked the outposts of the British empire as it expanded in the 19th century.—Reuters
Urbandale, Iowa, sits on the throne after being crowned the winner of the 33rd annual Drake Relays Beautiful Bulldog Contest on 23 April, 2012.—THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Wednesday, 25 April, 2012

Tyson, owned by Tyler and Chelsea Motter, of Urbandale, Iowa, sits on the throne after being crowned the winner of the 33rd annual Drake Relays Beautiful Bulldog Contest on 23 April, 2012.—Internet

“Beautiful Bulldog” pageant Monday in Des Moines, Iowa. “It’s kind of a big deal,” said owner Tyler Motter, of Urbandale, Iowa. “His personality is amazing.” Tyson beat out 49 other pups for the honour Monday in the tongue-in-cheek contest, now in its 33rd year, which kicks off festivities at the annual Drake Relays track and field meet.

Tyler and Chelsea Motter chose to enter over his brother, Chubbs, because of his face roll and the spot over his eye,” said owner Tyler Motter, of Urbandale, Iowa. “He’s kind of unique. There’s a bun, tenderloin, buffalo chicken strip, cheeseburger, bacon, brisket, fried cheese, buffalo chicken, tenderloin, bun, white cheddar sauce” Neal said. “It was a lot of fun. We had a blast.” But none of the pups could touch Tyson, who Tyson eventually chose to enter over his brother, Chubbs, because of his face personality. Tyson’s first few moments as the champion were rough. He fell face-first off his throne—about three foot drop — and then refused to eat his celebratory doggie cake. But Tyson eventually embraced the attention, wolfing down nearly half his winner’s dessert in a few big bites. Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV NGOC SON VOY NO (004/12)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV NGOC SON VOY NO (004/12) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.4.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: KK SHIPPING & TRADING
Phone No: 256924/256914

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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Bright meteor with loud “booms” confirmed travel through Nevada, California skies
BEIJING, 24 April — A meteor with loud “booms” accompanied by a bright light was confirmed traveling through the skies of Nevada and California on Sunday morning. Bill Cooke, head of NASA’s Meteoroid Environment Office, said that the meteor likely penetrated very deep into the atmosphere, producing the powerful sonic booms that rattled homes across the region and triggered false fire alarms in Carson City, Nevada.

It was thought to have been a small asteroid that slammed into the atmosphere at a speed of 15 kilometres per second, turning into a fireball, delivering an energy of 3.8 kilotons of TNT as it broke up over California’s Sierra Nevada mountains.

After some rough calculations, Cooke has been able to confirm travel through Nevada, California skies.
Three charged in Aussie penguin theft

Australian police said three men were arrested for allegedly breaking into a Sea World park, swimming with dolphins and stealing a penguin.

Investigators said the 18-, 20- and 21-year-old suspects, whose names weren’t released, broke into the Sea World in Main Beach on Queensland’s Gold Coast after it closed Saturday, swam in the dolphin enclosure and made off with Dirk, a 7-year-old fairy penguin, The Australian reported on Friday.

Police said the penguin was recovered, tied but unharmed, after a couple saw him in a shallow estuary Sunday.

“They heard a scuffle in the water and this penguin came out onto the sand,” said Trevor Long, Sea World’s director of marine sciences.

“They thought it was very, very unusual, so they got on to their iPhone and Googled ‘lost penguin,’” he said. “That came up with the story and from there they were able to contact us.”

Long said the couple reported the penguin appeared to have been chased out of the water by an animal that may have been a shark and was then chanced upon land by a dog.

Police said the three suspects, who were arrested after officers received a tip that they had bragged about their crimes on Facebook, were charged with unlawful keeping of a marine animal.

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“I worked EMS for 31 years, and there is nothing more precious in the whole world than to see a baby take its first breath,” Kathy Swearingen of Greencastle said her granddaughter at a gas station.

“After Katrina Kaif, who attended the Saturday ceremony. Cameras from a truck stop turned over to win the full Powerball jackpot, which currently stands at $11 million, a ticket must match the numbers on all five white balls in the drawing, plus the red Powerball. The $1 million cash prize is awarded for a ticket that matches the five numbers on the white balls, in any order. The odds of winning $1 million? One in 51,532,636.

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Virginia woman wins $1 million—twice in same lottery

A Virginia woman found out on April 7 she won $1 million in a lottery drawing. And then she won again.

Virginia Fike of Berryville, Virginia, had the good luck to buy not one but two lottery tickets from a truck stop that both turned out to be $1 million winners, matching five of the six Powerball numbers.

Lottery officials presented her with a $2 million check on Friday.

Fike said she found out that she had won—and won again—while sitting in a hospital room with her mother, according to a statement distributed by the Virginia lottery.

“I saw a scroll on TV about there being two $1 million winners,” she said. “I looked at my mom and said ‘Wouldn’t it be funny if it was us?’” She said she planned on using the money to “take care of my parents” and pay bills. For selling the tickets, the lottery awarded a $20,000 bonus to the Oldie Stone Truck Stop. To win the full Powerball jackpot, which currently stands at $131 million, a ticket must match the numbers on all five white balls in the drawing, plus the red Powerball. The $1 million cash prize is awarded for a ticket that matches the five numbers on the white balls, in any order. The odds of winning $1 million? One in 51,532,636.

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Italian library shut down over book thefts

New York, 24 April—British actor Daniel Radcliffe, star of the Harry Potter film series, said he wants to write a novel, The Daily Telegraph reported.

“I really want to write professionally in the future,” the 22-year-old said. “I try and write at the moment. I don’t know if I’m any good, as normally, when I write I’m so self critical that it’s not long before I have to throw away what I write.”

Radcliffe said he has yet to inform JK Rowling, author of the Harry Potter series, who is currently working on her first book for adults, “The Casual Vacancy.”

“And I should be informed with some help,” Radcliffe said.

UK’s best-loved actress Amy Adams has begun filming a major new Shakespeare in the Park production of “Into the Woods” and “As You Like It.”

The couple had filed for divorce after 14 months of marriage.

Amy Adams to star in “Into the Woods”

New York, 24 April—This summer’s edition of Shakespeare in the Park in New York will feature productions of “Into the Woods” and “As You Like It,” organizers said.

Director Daniel Sullivan’s production of William Shakespeare’s comedy “As You Like It” will run from 5 June through 25 August.

The cast features Amy Adams, Jack Broderick, Gideon Glick, Cooper Grodin, Ivan Hernandez, Tina Johnson, Josh Lamon, Jessie Mueller, Donna Murphy, Laura Shoop and Tess Soltau.

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The top-ranked team among 1960, in Group A. Mexico, first round groups, with the top three seeds in the United States were named as defending champions the champions Japan and 16-team finals. Britain, world's Olympic soccer FIFA as the top seeds for the champions Spain, Brazil and Uruguay.—Switzerland, Belarus, Honduras, Mexico, New Zealand, Egypt, Great Britain, Spain, Korea, Japan, United Arab Emirates, Gabon, Morocco, Europe and their own Africa, Oceania and their own CONCACAF region, were seeded in Group B. Brazil, who have the best overall playing record in the Olympics despite never winning the gold medal, will head up Group C with Spain in Group D.

The men’s competition comprises 12 teams in three groups with Britain playing in the very first event of the entire games on 25 July, two days before the opening ceremony. They will discover their opponents for the opening Group E match at Cardiff’s Millennium Stadium when the draw is made on Tuesday.

But since then, Juvé have recovered and won six straight matches while Milan have stuttered. The Turin giants’ 4-0 win over Roma on Sunday was indicative of their recent form. Gone are the days when they struggled to score goals and were humiliated by a string of draws.

After 21 years in Major League Baseball with six teams, catcher Ivan Rodriguez formally retired on Monday, returning to his original big league team in Texas to say goodbye after 14 All-Star games and 13 Gold Glove awards. Rodriguez, who played a record 2,427 games behind the plate, said farewell at a news conference at the ballpark in Arlington before the Texas Rangers’ game against the Yankees on Monday. “Today is a very hard day for me,” he told reporters. “It’s been a great 21 years here and very beautiful.” Rodriguez, who announced last week he was retiring, played 12 seasons with the Rangers, breaking in with them as a 19-year-old in 1991.

The 40-year-old Puerto Rican also played for the Florida Marlins in 2003 when they won the World Series and from 2004-08 with the Tigers, competing in his second World Series with the Detroit team in 2006.

The unveiling ceremony of purple-colored tickets with the Euro 2012 logo on it was to organize to show the fans the authentic ticket design and protect football supporters from fraud. Every ticket has up to 16 levels of protection. Hologram and unique identification code are the main features of the ticket. Stewards, who will work directly on the stadiums, will know five or six other signs of authenticity,” Kallen told reporters during the presentation.

The tickets were printed in Portugal and Austria, Kallen said, adding that it was virtually impossible to forge them. UEFA sold through its website a total of 500,000 tickets for Euro 2012 matches at the prices range from 30 to 600 euro. The rest 900,000 tickets have been distributed to national federations, sponsors, UEFA guests and business package buyers. Euro 2012 will be staged from 8 June to 1 July in Ukraine and Poland.

Milan looking for home improvements

AC Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri (R) is seen during the Serie A match AC Milan against Bologna, on 22 April, in San Siro stadium in Milan. Allegri says his team need to improve at home if they are to stand any chance of denying Juventus a first Serie A title since 2003. AC Milan have now taken just one point from their two matches at the San Siro. In fact, they are struggling all round with five points from their last four league games and only one win in their last six in all competitions. It has allowed Juve to stretch their lead at the top of the table to three points and given that the Old Lady of Turin have the better head-to-head record, Milan need to make up four points if they are to win the league.

A month ago Milan seemed on track for a second straight title having opened up four-point lead over a Juvé side that had drawn six out of seven games. But since then, Juve have recovered and won six straight matches while Milan have stuttered. The Turin giants’ 4-0 win over Roma on Sunday was indicative of their recent form. Gone are the days when they struggled to score goals and were humiliated by a string of draws.
Lindsay Lohan to play Liz Taylor in Lifetime film

New York, 24 April—Lindsay Lohan will portray Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime film about her love affair with actor Richard Burton. Lifetime on Monday made official a casting decision rumored for months. The network says Lohan will star in "Liz & Dick," with production set to begin in early June. The film will air as co-stars of the 1963 epic "Cleopatra." They fell in love as the world looked on, left their respective spouses and got married. Then they divorced, only to remarry and divorce again.

In recent years the 25-year-old Lohan has gained her own measure of notoriety. "Liz & Dick" represents a step in her attempted career comeback.

Pakistan station bomb blast kills two

Marseille winger Andre Ayew, seen here in March 2012.—INTERNET

Respects paid to older persons in Insein

Mourinho aiming to improve patchy semi-final record

Madrid, 24 April—Jose Mourinho has lost three of his five Champions League semi-finals and the combative coach is determined to improve that record when his Real Madrid side host Bayern Munich in their second leg on Wednesday.

Mourinho’s Chelsea were eliminated in the last four by Liverpool in 2005 and 2007 while Real were knocked out by their bitter rivals and eventual winners Barcelona last season, a reverse the Portuguese blamed on a UEFA conspiracy.

Nine-times European champions Real must overturn a 2-1 deficit from last week if they are to reach next month’s final, also in Munich, and go into the game on a high after virtually wrapping up the Spanish title with a 2-1 win at Barca on Saturday.

Mourinho, who has refused to speak to the media before La Liga games in recent weeks but is obliged to appear ahead of European games by governing body UEFA, made his now habitual comments about what he sees as refereeing errors.

He also made an oblique reference to his claim that there is a UEFA conspiracy favouring Barca — which landed him in virtual wrapping up the Spanish title with a 2-1 win at Barca on Saturday.

“I have not had that much luck in semi-finals,” Mourinho told a news conference on Tuesday. “I lost one (against Liverpool) when the ball did not cross the line - which was unbelievable.

Another season (in 2007) I lost on penalties - which is more an issue of bad luck - and last season (against Barca) I lost the semi-final in a way that everyone knows about.

“This time I hope to win although we lost the first leg to a goal that was offside,” added Mourinho who lifted the Champions League trophy with Porto in 2004 and Inter Milan in 2010.

“The referee was (generally) very good, he made a mistake but we all make mistakes, me too.”—Reuters

A bomb has exploded at the main railway station in the eastern Pakistan city of Lahore, killing at least two people, police said.—INTERNET

The notable weather

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Cabinet minister U Myint Aung Win met with older persons.

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gillani on Monday announced the disbanding of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

The move comes after the PCB was found guilty of corruption at the World Cup.
Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for 20th day
Three questions answered, one proposal discussed, one bill submitted

NAV PYI TAW, 24 April — The Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for the 20th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex here at 11:35 pm today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 380 MPs.

At the session, three questions were raised and answered, one proposal discussed and one bill submitted.

U Kyi Thein of Gwa Constituency asked if the State has any plan to rehabilitate Kanthaya Beach and to return the seized coconut plantations to the owners. Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung replied that for 192 farmers were paid K 7362470 of perennial crop compensation for their 307.72 acres of land; 197 farmers K 7004 for land compensation; and 39 farmers K 263835 for house moving compensation, totalling K 7633309 in March and April of 1998. Kanthaya resort was built together with 20 buildings on 45.82 acres of land out of 427.41 acres of total land area of the beach. On 29-4-2006, storm Malar hit Gwa Township of Rakhine State blowing off the roofs of 14 Kanthaya hotel buildings. Although there are 20 buildings at present, only three buildings and five rooms are serviceable. There is no plan for the time being to rehabilitate Kanthaya Beach as there are many beach resorts in Myanmar such as Ngapali, Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung that are attracting tourists. The reconstruction plan will be considered only after taking measures for improvement of road and other infrastructures in coordination with the state government concerned depending on the prospect of the increased number of local and foreign visitors to the beaches.

U Kyin Wan of Hegan Constituency asked if there is any plan to remove Phakha forest reserve close to Hegan from the list of designated forest areas and redesignate it as a farmland for rural farmers. In response, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun said previously, Phakha forest reserve was supposed to be established with 20480 acres of forest land area. For those who have trespassed the forest reserve to do their business only after the reserve had been established.

Frankfurt join Fuerth in Bundesliga

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FRANKFURT, 24 April — Eintracht Frankfurt will join Bavarian side Greuther Fuerth in the German league next season following their 3-0 win over Allemannia Aachen with Cameroon striker Mohamadou Idrissou scoring twice. Frankfurt’s victory at Aachen on Monday night puts them back in the Bundesliga at the first attempt having been relegated last season, while Greuther Fuerth will make their debut in Germany’s top tier.

With both Frankfurt and Fuerth on 68 points at the top of the league, Germany’s second division title has still to be decided with two games left. A third team from the second division will join them in the Bundesliga next season with Hamburg-based St Pauli, Paderborn and Fortuna Duesseldorf all in the hunt to finish third and qualify for the promotion play-off.

The third best team in the second division will play-off against the team which finishes third from bottom in the Bundesliga, currently Cologne, over two legs at the end of the season for the right to play in Germany’s top tier. Kaiserslautern had their relegation from the Bundesliga confirmed last Saturday and could be joined by Hertha Berlin, who are second from bottom, and two points behind Cologne.

Internet

Diversity aided mammals’ survival over deep time

SCIENCE DAILY, 24 April — When it comes to adapting to climate change, diversity is the mammal’s best defence. That is one of the conclusions of the first study of how mammals in North America adapted to climate change in “deep time” — a period of 56 million years beginning with the Eocene and ending 12,000 years ago with the terminal Pleistocene extinction when mammoths, saber-toothed tigers, giant sloths and most of the other “mega fauna” on the continent disappeared.

“Before we can predict how mammals will respond to climate change in the future, we need to understand how they responded to climate change in the past,” said Larisa R. G. DeSantis, the assistant professor of earth and environmental studies at Vanderbilt who directed the study. “It is particularly important to establish a baseline that shows how they adapted before humans came on the scene to complicate the picture,” he said.

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Golfers to be chosen for tentatively selected team

NAV PYI TAW, 24 April — The Ministry of Sports is making arrangements for training the tentatively selected golf team at the camp, here, to achieve success in the XXVII SEA Games.

The golfers must be between 14 years and 30 years old. Men players must be 9-12 handicap and the women players 0-16 handicaps. Training will be provided to the selected players up to the end of SEA Games. The sports trial will be held at Myodaw Golf Course (Nay Pyi Taw) on 8 and 9 May. The players are to take part in an 18-hole round on both days. The contestants must take part in the trial on their own arrangements.

The ministry will arrange costs for accommodation, food, training and assistance in addition to learning of education for the tentatively selected players. Those wishing to take part in the trial are to enlist at the Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Sports, Nay Pyi Taw, not later than 6 May. For further information, dial 067-406183. — MNA

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